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SET COMMAND COMPLETED

L1 QUE PLU=ON DELIVER##### OR SUPPL#####
L2 QUE PLU=ON VEND##### OR DISPENS#####
L3 QUE PLU=ON SELL#####
L4 QUE PLU=ON L1 OR L2 OR L3
L5 QUE PLU=ON FLUID OR LIQUID OR FUEL
L6 QUE PLU=ON GAS##### OR VAPOR OR AIR
L7 QUE PLU=ON L5 OR L6
L8 (267182)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L4 (5A) L7
L9 QUE PLU=ON MONITOR##### OR DETECT#####
L10 QUE PLU=ON DETERMIN##### OR SENS#####
L11 QUE PLU=ON L9 OR L10
L12 (13747)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L8 (5A) L11
L13 QUE PLU=ON DISPLAY### OR INDICAT#####
L14 (6873)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L13 (5A) L8
L15 (533)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L12 (P) L14
L16 QUE PLU=ON COMMUNICAT##### OR LINE OR LINK#####
L17 QUE PLU=ON SEND##### OR RECEIV##### OR TRANSCEIV#####
L18 QUE PLU=ON L16 OR L17
L19 (1866)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L12 (10A) L18
L20 (87)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L15 (L) L19
L21 QUE PLU=ON HOSE OR NOZZEL OR VALVE
L22 (3290)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON (L12 OR L14 OR L19) (10A) L21
L23 QUE PLU=ON LOG##### OR RECORD#####
L24 QUE PLU=ON HISTOR##### OR STOR#####
L25 QUE PLU=ON L23 OR L24
L26 (9111)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L8 (5A) L25
L27 (1292)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L26 (10A) L21
L28 (4498)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L22 OR L27
L29 (6)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L26 (L) L20
L30 (1)SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L28 (L) L29
L31 6 SEA FILE=USPAT PLU=ON L29 OR L30

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ABSTRACT:

A dispensing apparatus for bulk fluids, and a method associated therewith, is disclosed in which a bulk storage tank operates in association with a second tank of a smaller size, and which retains a fluid to be dispensed in a self-serve operation. Preferably, separate pumps are employed for feeding liquid from the bulk tank to the smaller reservoir, and from the reservoir through a nozzle to a receptacle, on demand. The apparatus of the present invention provides a system for dispensing fluids such as windshield washer at e.g., service stations, which can be used by a customer when it is desired to re-fill a vehicle windshield washer, without the problems associated with filling using larger containers.

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said bulk tank;

a second pump in said housing and means connecting said second pump to a dispensing outlet, for pumping **liquid** from said reservoir to said **dispensing** outlet;

liquid level **sensing** means associated with said reservoir and including an upper **sending** means and a lower sensing means for sensing a higher and a lower liquid level in said reservoir; and

control means. . .

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14. An apparatus as defined in claim 11, including a flow sensor in said flow **line**, and a liquid quantity indicator connected to said flow **sensor** for **indicating** the quantity of **liquid** **dispensed**.

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16. An apparatus as defined in claim 12, including a flow sensor in said flow **line**, and a liquid value indicator connected to said flow **sensor** for **indicating** the value of **liquid** **dispensed**.

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17. An apparatus as defined in claim 16, including a flow sensor in said flow **line**, and a liquid quantity indicator connected to said flow **sensor** for **indicating** the quantity of **liquid** **dispensed**.

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liquid from a bulk storage by a first mounted in said bulk storage to a reservoir mounted on said bulk **storage** for holding a smaller **supply** of **liquid**;

feeding said **liquid** from said reservoir by a second pump mounted in said reservoir; initiating said pumping by said first pump by detection of . . .